

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, 12, 22, and 23 are pending in this application.

Applicant has canceled claims 24-26. The cancellation of these claims does not introduce any new matter.

Allowed Claims

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 11, 12, 22, and 23. In light of the cancellation of claims 24-26 herein, the subject application is in condition for immediate allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, claims 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Hyodo et al.* (US 7,034,881 B1). As noted above, claims 24-26 have been canceled herein. As such, this anticipation rejection is moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the subject application is in condition for allowance because all of the pending claims have been allowed. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP057).

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